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Mr. A. L. Herman
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Dear Mr. Herman:

I have reviewed your letter of September 9, 1998 regarding Coast Guard casualty notification and reporting procedures for Chevron's floating Outer Continental Shelf (OCS) facility GENESIS spar. I concur with your analysis of the Coast Guard's applicable casualty and pollution notification and reporting procedures. Since the GENESIS spar is a floating OCS facility, Chevron should use the casualty notification and reporting procedures identified in 33 CFR 146, Subpart A. The casualty reporting procedures for Mobile Offshore Drilling Units do not apply to the GENESIS spar, even if temporary drilling operations are in progress.

Please contact Lieutenant Commander Bill Daughdrill of my staff at (504) 589-6193 should you have any questions or wish to discuss this matter further.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "M. J. Brown".

M. J. BROWN
Lieutenant Commander, U.S. Coast Guard
Chief, Marine Safety Compliance Branch
By direction of the Commander
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September 9, 1998

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ATTN: LCDR Bill Daughdrill

**GENESIS SPAR PROJECT
REPORTS AND NOTIFICATIONS**

Dear LCDR Daughdrill:

Since we will soon begin operation of GC 205 "A" (Genesis Spar), Chevron's first floating OCS facility, we would like to clarify the reporting and notification procedures to be followed.

Per conversation with your office, it is our understanding, we will report under 33 CFR 146 Subpart A, (146.30, .35, .40, .45). The requirements under 46 CFR 109 Subpart D (109.411) do not apply since we are a floating OCS facility.

I want to thank you and your office for working with us on this matter.

Should you have any questions or require additional information, please contact Shawn Jones at (504) 592-6520.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "A. L. Herman". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first letters of the first and last names being capitalized and prominent.

A. L. Herman
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